

14 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 14 March 1968

The Director advised that Secretary Rusk has asked that the intelligence community be especially alert to any indications of Soviet efforts to exploit or exacerbate tensions resulting from the Vietnam war.

DD/I reported that General Maxwell Taylor is reviewing the BLACK SHIELD photographs of enemy activity and emplacements in the Khe Sanh area.



Godfrey observed that all gold markets are under heavy siege today. (See Action 1)

Godfrey drew attention to the wrap-up on the enemy SAM sites and two SAM battalions near the DMZ.

Godfrey indicated that the text of Castro's four-and-one-half-hour speech yesterday is still being put together and that it is apparent Castro avoided international issues and concentrated on domestic economic questions.

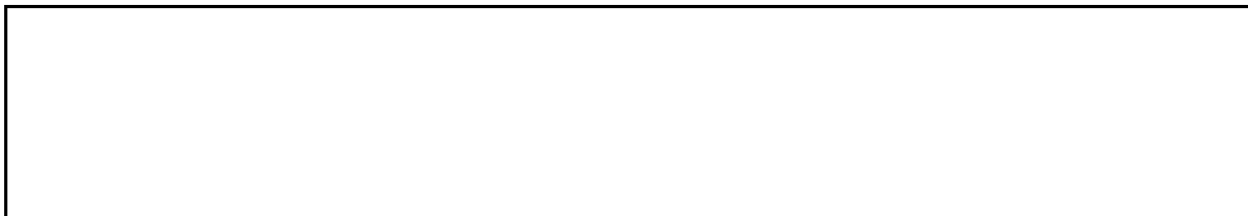
D/ONE reported that the changes in the Burma Estimate have been completed.

D/ONE advised that the Army and NSA will demur on the Laos Estimate, inasmuch as they feel that the Communists are more ambitious militarily than the Estimate concludes. The Director asked that such varying judgments be aired in the Estimate rather than diluted for the sake of consensus.

SECRET EYES ONLY

DDCI noted that certain changes appear desirable in the CCPC paper tabled for USIB consideration tomorrow but that such changes can be discussed and incorporated without great difficulty during the USIB meeting itself.

The Director noted that the ONE paper prepared for Bundy and the OCI memorandum on Communist military dispositions in northern South Vietnam were placed before the President yesterday.



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DD/S drew attention to the fact that the two CAT pilots will go on trial in Taipei in May for manslaughter.

Warner informed that the Republican National Convention is scheduled for 5 August in Miami Beach and the Democratic National Convention for 26 August in Chicago.

DD/S&T reported that the [redacted] was orbited yesterday. The CORONA is scheduled to go today.

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DD/S&T reported that State has requested an OXCART flight over North Korea today.

DD/S&T advised that Congressman Lipscomb asked DOD/DDR&E about Jack Anderson's article in yesterday's Washington Post during a House Appropriations Committee hearing yesterday. (See Action 2)

DD/P advised that Ambassador Korry will be at Headquarters for lunch today.



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DDCI urged that the special daily report on North Vietnam contain, in addition to its coverage of North Vietnam's external broadcasts, a review of internal broadcasts in order to indicate what, if any, differences there might be between North Vietnam's internal and external propaganda lines.

DDCI explained briefly the Navy's tentative plans to deal with yesterday's Reuters article by David Wise on the Gulf of Tonkin incident.

ACTIONS:

1. DD/I suggested and the Director concurred that a primer on the meaning of the gold problem be prepared for use by various Government officials. (OER)

2. The Director asked Warner to contact Congressman Lipscomb to assure him that the Agency stands ready to brief him on the Anderson article.

L. K. White

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